

IEUAN TEW

Name: Ieuan Tew
Gender: Male
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Two poets bore this name: (1) IEUAN TEW BRYDYDD HEN (*fl.* c. 1400-40), a native of Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire, and (2) IEUAN TEW BRYDYDD IEUANC, a native of Arwystli, Montgomeryshire, who *fl.* c. 1560-90, graduated at the eisteddfod held at Caerwys in 1568 - **Peniarth MS 121** (215) and **Peniarth MS 132** (61) - and is said to have been buried at Llanidloes.

A large number of their poems remain in manuscript, but it is often difficult to distinguish between the poems of the two respective poets. A bardic controversy, or *ymryson*, occurred between the elder and the **Mastr Harri**, and between the younger and **Bedo Hafesp**; he also took part in another, together with the three poets, **Siôn Philip**, **William Llŷn**, and **Hywel Ceiriog**, against **Wiliam Cynwal** and **Huw Llŷn**.

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